

**Notification of a joint venture****(Case No IV/E-2/37.450)**

(1999/C 102/04)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

1. British Steel plc, Hoogovens Staal BV (a wholly owned subsidiary of Koninklijke Hoogovens NV), Rasselstein Hoesch GmbH (a joint venture between subsidiaries of Thyssen AG and Fried. Krupp AG Hoesch Krupp) and Sollac SA (a wholly owned subsidiary of Usinor SA) — together the 'notifying parties' — have notified pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation No 17, agreements relating to the promotion of steel based Ecotop beverage can ends and in particular to the creation of Ecotop Limited.
2. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified joint venture could fall within the scope of Regulation No 17.
3. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.
4. Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 299 24 64) or by post under reference IV/E-2/37.450 to:

European Commission  
Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV)  
Directorate E-2  
Office 2/46  
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 158  
B-1040 Brussels.

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**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case No IV/M.1479 — Thomson/Banco Zaragozano/Caja Madrid/Indra)**

(1999/C 102/05)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

1. On 31 March 1999, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 <sup>(2)</sup>, by which the undertakings Thomson-CSF (Thomson), Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Madrid (Caja Madrid) and Banco Zaragozano acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of that Regulation joint control of Indra Sistemas SA (Indra).
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - Thomson: professional electronics and defence systems,
  - Caja Madrid and Banco Zaragozano: banking and insurance services,
  - Indra: professional and defence electronics.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference IV/M.1479 — Thomson/Banco Zaragozano/Caja Madrid/Indra, to:

European Commission,  
Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),  
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,  
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,  
B-1040 Brussels.

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### Prior notification of a concentration

(Case No IV/M.1487 — Johnson & Son/Melitta/Cofresco)

(1999/C 102/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 31 March 1999, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 <sup>(2)</sup>, by which Melitta Benz KG (Melitta) belonging to the Melitta group, and S. C. Johnson Homestorage GmbH & Co. KG (Johnson) belonging to the S. C. Johnson & Son Inc. group, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of that Regulation joint control of Cofresco Frischhalteprodukte GmbH & Co. KG and Cofresco Frischhalteprodukte Beteiligungs GmbH (Cofresco), constituting a joint venture by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Johnson: production and sales of household products,
- Melitta: production and sales of household products including coffee filters, coffee machines, household foils and bin liners,
- Cofresco: production and sales of household foils, baking paper and bin liners.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference IV/M.1487 — Johnson & Son/Melitta/Cofresco, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),  
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,  
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,  
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